

Photo by Akitoshi Kizaki

Soaring to victory

Junior guard, Bryan Leach, No. 10, shakes loose for two points in UNO's upset win over St. Cloud State Friday night at the fieldhouse. The win over third-ranked St. Cloud State raised UNO's record to 7-6. See story on page 6.

UNO spikers fall short in national title chase

By TERRY O'CONNOR

After a storybook season, the UNO volleyball juggernaut ground to a halt just short of the national title it craved.

The Lady Mavs, led by record-shattering senior outside hitter Allie Nuzum, slugged it out for the second straight year with No. 1 Cal State Northridge in the Division II volleyball Final Four semifinals.

Plagued by an inopportune outburst of influenza, UNO battled Northridge to the limit before succumbing 14-16, 15-13, 15-10, 13-15. Northridge had ousted UNO in straight sets the year before.

"We wanted to place second or first," UNO Coach Janice Kruger said. "We did gain ground this year. We proved we could play California-style volleyball."

UNO starters Lori Schutte, Darla Melcher and Nuzum and reserves Katy Ehrich, Janice Prideaux and Amy Gradville all were stricken with the flu on the day of the match or the night before. "We ran out of luck right when we needed it most," Kruger said.

UNO, which questioned the officiating in the 1985 tourney, had no qualms in that area this year. "The officials were excellent," Kruger

said. "Everything was run perfectly in the tournament."

UC Riverside, which then defeated Northridge for the title, owes an assist to UNO for the national championship according to Kruger. "It was a fantastic match," Kruger said of the two hour and 48 minute struggle. "We literally wore out Northridge. UC Riverside should thank us. Both teams were pushed to the limit."

Nuzum, who added six UNO records to her collection this year, said the Lady Mavs have nothing to regret. "We all gave everything we had," Nuzum said. "We couldn't have worked any harder. We gave it our best and we know in our hearts we were the better team."

In the consolation match the Lady Mavs faced North Dakota State, a team they had beaten five times already in the year. The usual edge between the two rivals was not there in this match, and not just because they were playing for the sixth time or because both team's title aspirations had been shot down.

"It was awful playing them," Kruger said. "After UC-Riverside beat them, they sat in the stands and rooted their lungs out for us to win."

See Volleyball
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Better image, new buildings among changes foreseen by Weber in UNO's future

By BETTY DYHRBERG

The idea that UNO is a second rate university is an idea that Chancellor Del Weber is out to change.

"It's exciting to be a part of this university," he said. "UNO is like a sleeping giant waiting to be discovered."

Weber said he believes UNO has a lot to offer that the public and most high school guidance counselors aren't of.

"Most students who come to UNO say this is a really fine university," Weber said. "They are glad they chose to come here, especially those who have attended other schools." But he said, the public doesn't share this opinion. "Our public relations efforts have not yet matched how good UNO is. The perspective has not yet caught up with the reality."

Over the last ten years Weber has worked on three main areas of the university. One area is the changing physical appearance of the campus with the construction of the HPER building, the parking garage, the soon-to-be completed Lab Science Building, the campus access road and landscaping.

Tough times

Another area Weber has worked on is the quality of the faculty and staff. According to Dr. Darrell Kellums, Faculty Senate president, UNO usually hires only those with doctorate degrees or those with "terminal" degrees in their field.

"We want to concentrate on excellence," Weber said. "We want to make sure we hire the best faculty and staff at UNO, retain the best students."

The third area on which Weber has concentrated is the camaraderie between students and staff.

And though UNO has come a long way, Weber said, there is still a lot more work to do. "This campus is always going to have plenty of challenges," he said.

Presently, the entire University of Nebraska system is undergoing another round of state budget cuts.

"We're facing tough times," Weber said. "There's no doubt about that."



Weber

Because of the cuts, UNO has fewer class offerings for students. "We just don't have enough professors to offer as many courses as we would like," Weber said.

Budget cuts have also affected UNO's athletic programs and the number of books it can buy for the library.

But Weber said he believes things will get better. In fact, he sees many more changes in store for UNO over the next ten years.

"When people realize what UNO has to offer," he said, "it will attract increasingly talented students and faculty."

Weber said he would like to see private developers take an interest in building housing close to the campus. "UNO is a really good investment opportunity," he said.

The Arts & Sciences Hall will also be remodeled. "When we get finished with that building," Weber said, "it's going to be as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside."

He also sees a more extensive arts center on campus in the future. The first stage was completed with the addition of the Willis A. and Janet S. Strauss Performing Arts Center in 1975. But now Weber said he is looking forward to beginning the second stage of the project which will include areas of drama and art.

Only one month ago Weber was offered the job of chancellor of the University of Nevada but turned it down. His name was submitted to the search committee by Nevada Regents consultant Ron Stead of the Presidential Search Consulting Service of the Association of Governing Boards in Washington D.C.

The University of Nevada has about 50,000 students who attend two universities, plus four community colleges and the Desert Research Institute. As chancellor of the Nevada system, Weber's salary would also increase from his current \$80,200 at UNO to \$87,000 a year.

Weber said it was "financially more lucrative" to go to Nevada, but other considerations influenced his decision to stay at UNO.

"I'm a Nebraska native at heart," he said. "And Omaha is a really fine place to live. It too is like a sleeping giant that people haven't yet discovered. Also, my son and daughter (who live in Nebraska and Kansas) didn't want us to move so far away."

"I have really deep feelings for UNO," Weber said. "I'm glad I decided to stay here."

Area students discover world through UNO outreach project

By TAMMY COLEMAN

Thanks to an ongoing UNO program, Omaha students and educators can learn about other countries without ever leaving Nebraska.

The Global Education Outreach Project provides area schools with resource materials on many countries to be used in the classroom.

It's important for Omaha students to be globally aware, said Jay Harris, Coordinator of International Studies and Programs. "To give them a better understanding of the world gives them a better understanding of themselves and our nation, and how Nebraska is related to other countries," he said.

The Global Education Program began in November 1985, with a grant from the Danforth Foundation, a national educational philanthropy. The grant — approximately \$25,000 — pays for Harris' salary, the acquisition of printed materials, office expenses and occasional transportation costs.

The Danforth Foundation renewed the program's grant in November following a report filed by Harris that outlined the accomplishments of the past year.

Resource materials furnished by the Global Education office include student presentations, books and files on various countries. "We're a resource center in all aspects. If we don't have

it, we can direct teachers to someone who does," Harris said.

For the presentations, foreign students travel to area schools to talk about their homesteads. According to Harris, the presentations consist of whatever the student wants to include unless the teacher requests specific information.

The presentations are a vital part of the program, Harris said. "There's a lot to be learned from books, but when you can see and hear it from someone who lived there, that's education at its best," he said.

The office also sponsors an annual summer workshop for teachers, which features guest speakers from international companies and local ethnic organizations. "Speakers help teachers conceptualize different topics," Harris said. "They may learn about international business, food, media and a variety of other subjects." Books and pamphlets are also available to help acquaint teachers with other countries.

During 1987, Harris intends to offer the program to more school districts, including Ralston and Papillion. He also hopes to open a library on various countries, accessible to the public.

While most of the attention given to the program stems from a bi-monthly newsletter, Harris plans to increase community awareness by contacting schools directly.

Comment

UNO lucky to have Weber

The UNO community should breath a sigh of relief as the semester gets under way, because Chancellor Del Weber will remain, for the time being, at UNO.

Weber had been offered the job of chancellor of the University of Nevada system, which includes the two universities in Las Vegas and Reno, four community colleges and a research institute.

He did not seek the position; instead the job seemed to seek him. It appears Weber has a national reputation as a top-notch administrator and could work for any university in the United States. Yet he remains at UNO — the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Weber's loyalty to UNO remains a mystery to me. The Nevada post seemed to be a professionally upward move. In an article in today's Gateway, Weber said he likes Omaha and considers himself a "Nebraska native at heart." Lucky for us.

Note that I am not criticizing his decision. Far from it. I am glad Weber decided to remain at UNO.

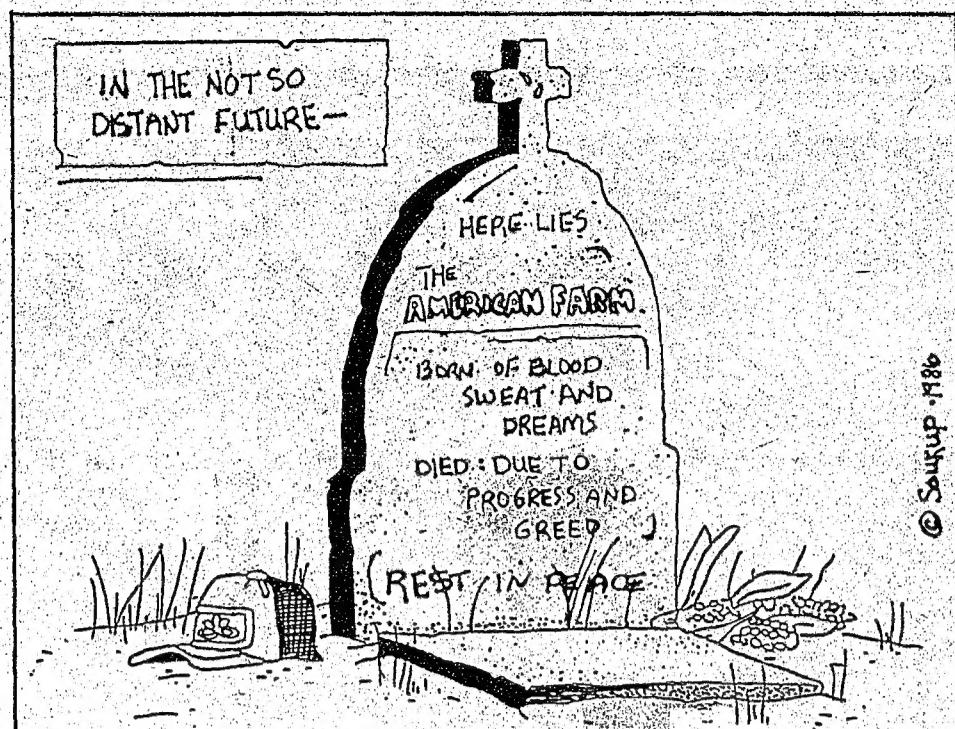
Indeed, Weber's importance to UNO should not be underestimated. Under his direction since 1977, UNO has continued to grow and improve in every respect. Better faculty. Easier registration. Increasing prestige. More parking stalls.

With his help, UNO can now boast of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, the parking garage and circulation road and the nearly-completed Lab Science Building. In addition, students from around the globe continue to choose UNO for an education.

Without Weber at the helm, UNO could be the "University of No Opportunity" that some unenlightened Nebraskans believe it to be.

Weber told the Gateway and the Omaha World-Herald, "UNO is like a sleeping giant waiting to be discovered." Ten years ago, when Weber accepted the chancellor's job at UNO, did he realize what UNO could be? I think so. But the school did not come this far without Weber's solid leadership.

— MARK ELLIOTT



'Recall editorials should express both sides of issue'

With Tuesday's election over, many citizens, including myself, are elated.

Merely mentioning the word "recall" sparked open debates among friends and strangers alike as political discussions engulfed the entire city. The opinions of community groups, prominent citizens and several UNO professors attracted the local media's attention.

However, everyday citizens sought audiences in grocery store check-out lines and bank lobbies. Regardless of how his views were disseminated, everyone it seemed wanted his opinion heard.

Understandably, not everyone saw the recall issue as either pro or con. Some residents chose the middle-of-the-road approach.

Warren Francke, a UNO communication professor, offered a strong defense for those choosing to walk between the controversial sides of the issue. Francke's fence-straddling guidelines appeared in the Jan. 7 issue of the *Metropolitan*. His article

Toni Hill

examined both arguments for and against the recall before determining neither side was completely convincing.

In the same issue, Editor John Boyd's anti-recall editorial appeared. Boyd, like many other opponents of the recall, cautioned voters that their decision could only remove Mike Boyle from office. Furthermore, Boyd warned that the Omaha City Council would be selecting the next mayor.

Would that be so bad? After all, council members are elected officials and, until I see a petition stating otherwise, I will continue to believe the council is doing an efficient and responsible job.

Boyd's editorial did have two redeeming qualities. First, I must commend Boyd for not using the infamous case for "style" as defense for the Mayor. Secondly, the editorial only ran half the page.

Unlike Boyd, Mildred D. Brown, owner and publisher of The Omaha Star, chose to let her pro-Boyle stance dominate the Jan. 8 issue of her paper. The issue included ads — one partially funded by Brown — and articles supporting the mayor. The following editorial note appeared at the end of one Boyle story in the Omaha Star.

"After weighing the pros and cons involving the petition for the recall of Mayor Boyle, we can find no valid reason for supporting this action."

As a reader, I would have appreciated reading both sides of the issue. Agreed, there are some issues deserving of such a crusade, but the recall is not one of them.

Yesterday, citizens voted independent of biased articles and debates, I hope.

Girl dreams of father without Alzheimer's disease

Angie is 12.

"He used to stay in the bedroom and watch TV," she said. "We would go into the bedroom and he would look at us. He would say, 'Who are you?' We thought he was kidding — just playing around. I would say, 'I'm Angie, your daughter.' He wouldn't know me."

Angie's father is only 47 years old, yet he has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease. The disease is usually associated with people much older than Angie's father. But he now lives

Bob Greene



in a nursing home, because the disease has progressed to the point where his wife and children can no longer care for him at home.

"I thought it was my fault that he was forgetting me," Angie said. "I thought he didn't want to be my father."

Angie's mother had brought her to see me. Angie is taking part in a project called the Second Generation Program; it is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, and its purpose is to help the children and grandchildren of Alzheimer's victims to cope with the disease.

One of the things that the program does is to teach the children not to be ashamed to reveal their inner thoughts. Angie, at 12, seems tormented by what she has gone through.

Her mother had already told me that when her husband — previously a successful accountant — had been living at home with the disease, the family had had to clean him, bathe him, diaper him and feed him.

"I didn't want to feed him," Angie said in a soft voice. "He's my father — he should know how to eat. I would have to wait there with the spoon in his mouth, until he swallowed the food. He didn't know what to do with it once it was in his mouth."

"I would be feeding him and I didn't want to do it anymore. But my mother would say, 'He's your father and he needs help.' He was very slow chewing the food."

Angie is extremely jealous of her friends who have fathers who can take them to the park, or on trips, or just sit around and talk to them.

"My friends would never see my father," Angie said. "I told

them that he took me to the movies every night. I told them that we went away together on weekends. That we went on a holiday to Walt Disney World. I didn't tell them the truth, because I didn't want them to know. I was afraid that maybe they'd think that I had Alzheimer's disease, too, and that they wouldn't talk to me."

On weekends Angie and her mother and the other children go to the nursing home to visit her father. He speaks not at all. He smiles when they come into the room, but he smiles when anyone comes into the room.

"Sometimes I look forward to visiting him," Angie said. "I want to see how he is, to see if anything good has happened. Most of the time, though, I don't want to go."

"Sometimes when he's watching TV in the nursing home, he'll just stare at us. I think that maybe he is remembering when he was well and we used to be with him."

At home, Angie's mother has a large box filled with photographs of the family when the father was well. "I go through

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the box," Angie said. "I look at all the pictures. I ask myself why he had to get this thing when I was growing up."

"When I was little he used to hold me up to the camera. My mother says that is because he was proud of my light hair. I look at those pictures for a long time."

Angie is filled with terrible thoughts. "Sometimes . . ." she said. She started over. "Sometimes I wish I could kill him," she said. "So I could stop seeing him. It would be for both of us."

She cried as she said those words, and her mother began to cry, too, and soon the mother was rubbing the daughter's back.

"If I could make him understand me," Angie said. "I'd tell him that if he could come back to us, come back, but if not, just leave. End the suffering."

She said that when her father was living at home with the family, before the Alzheimer's disease became so severe that he had to go to the nursing home, she would dream about him

"I dreamed that he would get better, and that he would take almost every night."

Letters

Homeless article contains 'flaw'

To the editor:

The article on the homeless and mental illness by Stacey Welling (Gateway, Dec. 12) made interesting reading. Ms. Welling and The Gateway are to be commended for addressing such a pressing social issue.

There is, however, a factual error that needs correction. A good deal of the "homelessness" in this country can and should be attributed to deinstitutionalization: many chronically mentally ill patients are thrown out of institutions that could continue to care for them.

Despite Mr. Blue's statement to the contrary, the concept was and is seriously flawed. Many of those released, some against their will and the better judgement of staff and families, had spent much if not most of their lives in a mental health care facility. They were no more prepared to deal with the demand of life in the community than they were to pursue a Ph.D. in nuclear physics. Even if the supportive services had been available, which, of course, they weren't, and still aren't, it would not have been enough. The fact is, there are people (more perhaps than we like to admit) who just simply cannot care for themselves.

More than anything else, deinstitutionalization created a new group of victims. In my estimation, institutional living, with all its attendant woes (which, by the way, are not as horrible as the popular media would have us believe) is a far cry better than sleeping on the streets. At least in an institution these poor unfortunate would not be the prey of robbers, muggers, rapists and other sordid elements of society.

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Features

Child-Care Center promotes independent thinking

By NANCY CORMACI

As some students are completing their education at UNO, others — ages 18 months to six years — are just beginning theirs.

In Annex 47, 80 children now are enrolled at UNO's Child Care Center where they will start their education with a unique program designed to foster the ability to think independently said Joyce Kinney, Director of the Child Care Center.

The "Cognitively Oriented Preschool Curriculum" is built around "long-range goals secured throughout one's life," Kinney said. The program includes "open-ended activities" which allow

Seventy percent of children who are taught to read too early will never pick up a book on their own.

—Joyce Kinney

children to follow their own curiosity, thereby strengthening thought processes, Kinney said.

"We've got to back-off from pushing them," Kinney said of society's expectations of preschoolers. "It's a matter of readiness."

Seventy percent of children who are taught to read too early will never pickup a book on their own, Kinney said.

In 1983, Joseph Lutjeharms, Nebraska Commissioner of Education, authorized the appointment of a committee to study kindergarten programs in Nebraska schools. In a report called the "Position Statement of Kindergarten," the committee said "young children of today still need supportive environments geared to their needs rather than driven by inflexible curricula."

At the child care center, children are grouped by age and maturity. According to the center's educational program, developed by the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation in Ypsilanti, Mich., the best way to promote growth in, for example, a four-year-old "who is two years behind his or her peers in intellectual and verbal development, is to provide concrete experiences and accompanying language activities that are appropriate for a two-year-old."

Room arrangement and daily structure are the key features of the program. The rooms are divided into a variety of interest

centers including areas for art activities, role-playing, playing with blocks, and dramatic play and music areas, Kinney said.

Children plan their activities by filling-out activity cards, which include the name and symbol of the interest center. The child can circle either the word or the symbol, or write the word in a given blank, depending on his or her writing ability. In this way, children learn to associate words with their environment, Kinney said.

The child then carries-out his or her plan and returns to the teacher to evaluate what was accomplished.

Research by the High/Scope Foundation indicates that twice as many children enrolled in this program finish college than children participating in other preschool programs, Kinney said. Children will maintain these thinking processes throughout their lives, and they are "more apt to become leaders," she said.

"Children learn to think — to make choices," Kinney said. "The things they do on their own are much more interesting than what we could come-up with."

Parents responded positively after reading program evaluations which were available at the end of last semester. "We are getting a reputation for fine quality child care," Kinney said.

Lorri L. Juarez, a social worker from the Nebraska Department of Social Services, had not viewed the High/Scope program before her visit to the child care center. In her Nov. 21, 1986, letter to Kinney, Juarez's comments about the performance level of the children in the center included the following:

"I have observed a much higher functioning level in your preschoolers than in other programs I have visited. Particularly impressive to me is the fact that children appear to be taking responsibility for themselves and their actions, as well as being an integral part of choosing the direction of their learning program."

According to the "Position Statement on Kindergarten," adopted October 1984 by the Nebraska State Board of Education, preschools are "often staffed by people who have no professional preparation to work with young children."

However, the staff at the UNO Child Care Center consists of a director and assistant director or head teacher, both with bachelor's degrees in education; three child care assistants, two of whom have education degrees; and three child care aids who are students in early childhood education.

"Teachers observe the children's behaviors and abilities while they initiate their plans," Kinney said. "Then they use these observations to match the child with appropriate activities to promote his or her growth. We know what we are doing is right for the kids," she said.

Kinney, who has more than 12 years of professional child care experience, feels that this program is "top-of-the-line" and urges parents to look for a preschool program that is "child-centered" rather than "teacher directed."

The UNO Child Care Center has an "open-door policy" that

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—Kinney

allows parents to visit their children during business hours. Parents also are encouraged to lunch with their children any day of the week.

The center currently enrolls 40 percent of its capacity, with a nine percent increase so far over last semester's enrollment.

People interested in more information about the child care center may call 554-3398, or visit Annex 47 on the west end of the UNO campus next to Lot E.

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Foreign students hone English in UNO program

Part one of a series on UNO's Intensive Language Program

By BETTY DYHRBERG

The Intensive Language Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (ILUNO) has taught English as a second language to almost 1,500 international students from over 50 nations since it began in September 1977.

This intensive non-credit program is designed for high school graduates who want to study in the United States but lack the necessary English skills to do so, said Mary Ellen Turner, assistant director of International Programs.

"Intensive means that you learn a lot in a short period of time," said Turner. "The students who come to ILUNO are usually really dedicated to learning the language. They know that when they get here they are not going to be surrounded by speakers of their own language."

"Ninety percent of the students who successfully finish ILUNO go on to either UNO or UNL," Turner said. "Eighty percent stay at UNO and ten percent go on to Lincoln. This means we're seeing students who are looking for a typical American experience and they are coming to the middle of the country for that."

'Unique experience'

Turner said that schools in California or New York probably are the first ones students hear about in their countries. However, they are not necessarily the schools international students choose to attend. Students now have a number of choices open to them because many schools are actively looking for international students to increase their enrollment potential.

"Students are hearing about schools in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, and they are thinking, 'why should I go to Los Angeles and be one of 1000 Japanese students? Why don't I go someplace where I'll get a little extra attention? Where I'll be someone special, and people will be curious about me and ask me about my country,'" said Turner. "Students are looking for a more unique experience that this part of the country offers them."

Another thing students consider is the practical point of view, Turner said. The cost of living and crime rates are lower in this part of the country, the quality of life is a little higher. Also, people in the Midwest have a reputation for being friendlier and more helpful than they are on either coast.

"While students themselves might be attracted to the coastal experience of California," Turner said, "the parents who are supporting their educations are worried about such things as the crime rate — are they going to be safe there, are the people going to be helpful, are they going to pick up bad habits, and what about drugs — they hear so much about that. So it's not only the student's perception, it's also the parents' perception of where they want to send their children to school for the next four or five years of their lives."

Most international students in ILUNO are 18-22 years old, but the program also accepts professionals, retirees and refu-

gees who decide they want to learn English as a second language over a short period of time. "We've had political refugees, Polish immigrants, Czech immigrants and some from Afghanistan," said Turner. "It's really important for them to get the English skills they need right away so they can fit into this society and get jobs."

"It's a pretty broad mix," Turner said, "but the majority of them are just finishing high school and are academic bound. A lot of them come because they think they're going to get a little better education than they might get in their own countries. A lot of them also come because they want to study computer science, or because they want to get an engineering degree in the States to take back to their own country."

There are also students who come to the U.S. because of political or radical problems in their countries that prevent them from going to their own universities. One student who said he had no choice but to come to the States is Tamin Sayed, a 20-year-old from Afghanistan.

"My father made me come to the U.S." Sayed said. "If I stayed in my country, I would have to go into the army or to jail. I had no choice. I have to adapt," he said. "Sure, I'd like to go back home — everybody loves their country — but I cannot go back because of the war."

Students also hear about ILUNO from returning family members and friends who have been through the program. "We do some pretty intensive promoting with embassies in the U.S. that have scholarship programs," Turner said. "In a given year, about forty percent of our students are sponsored by their governments, which is much higher than the national average."

Presently there are 45 students in the ILUNO program. "Forty-five percent come by their own private funds," said Turner, "and about eight percent are refugees. The remainder come on scholarships we give to students from our sister universities for English only."

"We probably have close to 30 different nationalities right now," Turner said. "Most of our students are coming from southeast Asia, a trend we see nationwide. World politics are reflected in the population we get."

Mass-mailing

Previously most ILUNO students came from the Middle East. "Now that the oil economy has bottomed out," Turner said, "their scholarship programs are not as active as they were three years ago. We still have Iranian students, but not as many as before."

Today, 62 percent of ILUNO students are from southern and east Asia, 25 percent are from the Middle East; seven percent come from Latin American countries and six percent come from Europe.

"This is a deliberate attempt on our part to insure a diverse student body that will be forced to speak in English," Turner said. "This way they will be forced to go out on campus and

into the community and really act as ambassadors for UNO and for their own countries."

ILUNO also does mass-mailing of information to agencies abroad to let them know what UNO and Omaha have to offer.

"Let's face it," Turner said, "Nebraska is not the first place students think of when they decide to study in the United States. They need to know not only about the language program, but where the heck is Nebraska, where is Omaha? What kind of community is it, what is the climate like? What makes Omaha different and better, and what can you expect here that you couldn't find someplace else. We answer those questions."

After completing the Language program, international students are granted admission to UNO on the condition that they pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 500 or higher.

The four-hour test includes sections on listening comprehension, structure of English, written expression, reading comprehension and vocabulary. The average score for students in the ILUNO program is 512.

"Going right on into UNO is an advantage for our students," Turner said, "because they don't have to think about moving once they finish their English and going to another campus and another community where they would have to go through the adjustment process all over again."

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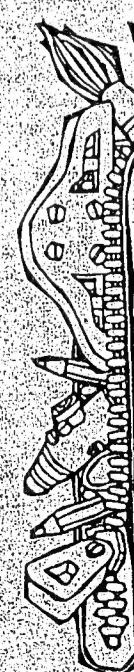
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Sports

One step forward, three back for UNO title hopes

By JOSEPH HENGEMUEHLER

After traveling 5,000 miles in six days, the road-weary UNO Mavericks skidded into North Central Conference play with two disappointing basketball losses at the hands of Augustana and South Dakota State Jan. 2 and 3.

Augustana, the preseason co-favorite along with St. Cloud State for the NCC crown, nipped the Mavs 72-68 in the conference opener for each school.

The Vikings were led by Pat Westby's 20 points and Steve Schlotthauer's 14 points and 10 rebounds. Mark Miller and Bryan Muelner sparked the Mavs with 22 and 14 points respectively.

"We played four games in six days while traveling 5,000 miles," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said. "Augie has had only one game on the road. And South Dakota has only been to the NCC tournament."

Hanson also pointed out one difficulty of winning road games in the NCC. "We got beat because they went to the free-throw line more often," Hanson said. UNO had more field goals, but the Vikings hit 16 of 20 free tosses, while UNO hit on 5 of 8.

The Mavs shot a season-low 36 percent in a 68-52 loss to the South Dakota State Jackrabbits in Brookings, S.D. Miller again led the Mavs in scoring with 13 points.

The Jackrabbits' Bill Cartwright led all scorers with 18 points, while getting outside assistance from Randy Suarez, who canned 4 three-point shots and finished with 14 points.

Junior forward Tom Thompson, battling a slump that had seen him score 33 points in the last five games, said travel figured in both losses. "We weren't necessarily 'wind-tired,' but our legs and bodies were tired."

In the NCC home opener Friday, the Mavs shocked the St. Cloud State Huskies with a thorough 79-64 whipping in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Balanced scoring and aggressive defense were the keys as the Mavs dominated Division II's third-rated team. UNO was a perfect 16 of 16 from the free-throw line.

Maverick heroes included Miller — 24 points on 10 of 15 shooting and four free throws; Tim Adamek — 14 points and a career-high 15 rebounds; and Tom Thompson, who came off the bench to score 13 points with 5 assists.

Dan Olson, a 6-foot-6 freshman, said, "We shut down their offense and did a good job of getting back on defense."

St. Cloud State, the defending NCC champion, came into the game with an 11-1 record and a 2-0 conference slate. UNO improved to 7-6 and 1-2 in the NCC.

The next night Mankato State dropped UNO 60-59 on a last-

second Brian Koepnick basket. The loss at home hurt UNO badly in the conference race.

Muelner hit an eight-foot bank shot from high off the glass with 24 seconds left to give UNO a 59-58 lead. Mankato State gambled by going without a timeout, and the payoff was a 3-1 NCC mark and a 9-5 season record, dropping UNO to 1-3 and 7-7.

The Mavs now face a three-game stretch on the road and need a sweep to stay in contention. Coming up in succession are Northern Colorado, Morningside and South Dakota.

Puget Sound champs

By JOSEPH HENGEMUEHLER

In the longest road trip of the season, the UNO Mavericks traveled to Tacoma, Wash., to become the Puget Sound Holiday Tournament champions during the holiday break.

First the Mavs overcame the home crowd and the home team to post a 61-59 win over the University of Puget Sound on a Tom Thompson dunk with three seconds left.

"We finally started exercising some patience in our shot selection," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said. "It was the best ball we've played this year."

In the championship game, UNO faced Cal-Riverside, which bounced Central Washington in the other semifinal.

The Highlanders, ranked No. 18 in Division II, took a 10-point lead in the second half. But UNO stormed back to lay claim to the crown with a 76-71 victory.

UNO was competing in the tourney because the North Central Conference annually rotates two teams out of its conference tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D.

UNO placed center Tyrone Tillman and guard Bryan Leach on the all-tournament team.

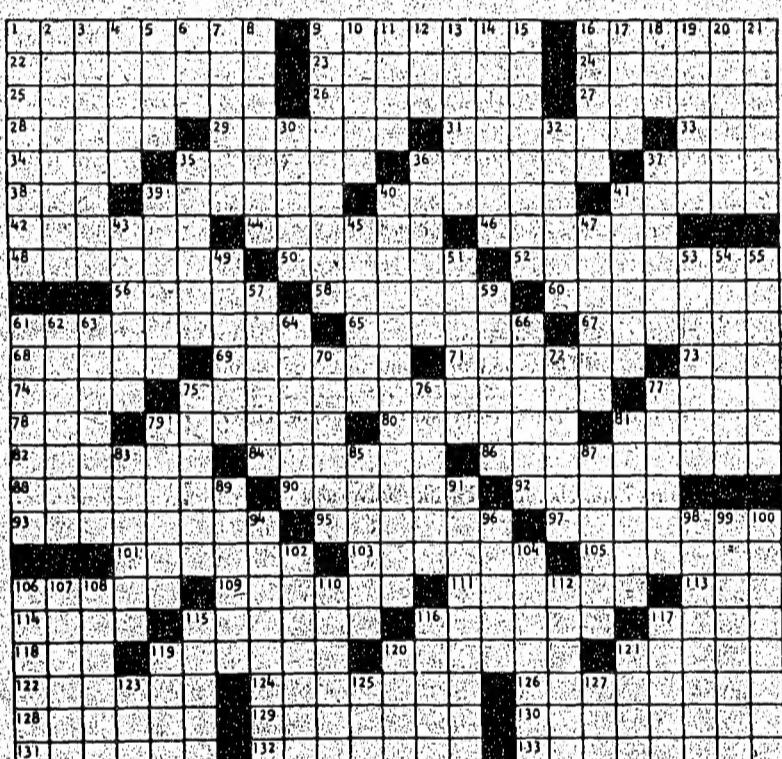
Despite the distance UNO traveled, the Mavs said they enjoyed the tournament. "It was good tournament," UNO guard Mark Miller said. "After being around the conference for three years, it felt good to compete against other teams."

Besides the obvious benefit of winning two games, Hanson said the Mavs benefited in other ways. "We get a boost of confidence going into league play," Hanson said. "And a lot of teams don't win any tournaments all year — now we have one."

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ACROSS

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- 23 Harass
- 24 Dish prepared in corn husks
- 25 — bacon
- 26 Hodgepodge
- 27 Where Yemen is
- 28 Slip away
- 29 Dividing in half
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- 33 Celtic Neptune
- 34 Texas buckthorn
- 35 Least experienced
- 36 Verified
- 37 Tooth
- 38 Period of earth study; abbr.
- 39 Iraqi coins
- 40 Autocrat
- 41 Meas
- 42 Normal respiration
- 44 Profane
- 46 Star in Draco
- 48 Capable of being observed
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- 52 Make pale
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- 58 Gained
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- 61 Hardening of tissue
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- 67 Ancient Turkish city on the Black Sea
- 68 Lewis' partner
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- 73 Cutting remark
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- 4 Public storehouse
- 5 Family of pheasants
- 6 Nippon
- 7 Cossack leader
- 8 Resumption
- 9 Avowal
- 10 Unexpected delight
- 11 Loft
- 12 Turkish chief
- 13 Aratinga
- 14 — snake
- 15 Weaken
- 16 Pedestal
- 17 British stool pigeon
- 18 Japanese woman diver
- 19 Pill
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- 22 Glacial pinnacle
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- 24 Market place
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Lady Mavs streak into NCC lead with four wins

By JAMIE COLLINS

The red-hot Lady Mavs basketball team has rolled up eight straight wins since early December, to seize an early lead in the North Central Conference basketball race.

UNO is 12-3 on the year and 4-0 in the NCC. North Dakota State, ranked second in Division II with records of 12-1 and 3-0, is alone in second place.

The Lady Mavs entered the Division II rankings at No. 11, boosted by a 76-74 decision at home over Nebraska-Lincoln, then ranked No. 19 in Division I.

"Not since we beat Kansas University has a win been so awesome," UNO captain Jackie Scholten enthused. UNO defeated Kansas 57-55 in 1984-85. "Kansas has an outstanding basketball program, so that win was nice. But what makes this win so great was all the pre-game hype. Lincoln said we were just going to be a scrimmage, and they didn't want to play Division II teams because they weren't tough enough. Now they can remember their last game against a Division II team as a loss."

The Cornhuskers did not go down easily, building leads of as many as 14 points, 28-14, in the first half. After NU Coach Angela Beck sat down former Omaha Central star Maurice Ivy with two fouls, the Lady Mavs made their move. "I should have left Maurice in the game in the first half and put them away," Beck lamented after the game.

The victory finished the NU-UNO series with Nebraska-Lincoln holding a 20-10 lead. It avenged last year's 84-60 loss in Lincoln and gave the Lady Mavs their first win over NU since a 66-62 decision in 1979-80.

Streak Starter

UNO, which dropped consecutive games to Central Missouri State and Washburn on Dec. 5 and 6, began its streak with a 68-66 squeaker over Grandview College of Des Moines. Laura J. Anderson led the Lady Mavs with 19 points in the game, matching her team-leading 19.3 average.

After beating the Cornhuskers, the Lady Mavs began NCC competition with a 91-82 triumph over Augustana Jan. 2. Au-

gustana, playing at home in Sioux Falls, S.D., took the early lead, but the UNO tandem of Jackie Scholten and Laura J. Anderson helped the Lady Mavs battle back. Anderson had 29 points, Scholten had 28 and 13 rebounds.

UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said, "This was a great win over a tough Augustana team. What a way to come back from Christmas break!"

The Lady Mavs continued their habit of falling behind early against South Dakota State in Brookings, S.D. The Lady Mavs trailed by 10 early in the second half before applying full-court pressure to rally for a 53-50 win.

"South Dakota State is one of the toughest places to play," Mankenberg said. "We hurried a lot of our shots but we didn't give up. We just outplayed them the last five minutes of the game."

Scholten paced the Lady Mavs with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Laura Paige Anderson and Laura J. Anderson each chipped in with 10 point.

'Perfect' Paige

UNO returned home Jan. 8 against St. Cloud State and blew the 8-4 Huskies out, 84-73. Paige Anderson led UNO, which held leads of up to 20 points in the game, with her best game. She scored a career-high 30 points on 14 of 17 shooting, and hitting 2 of 2 from the line. She was perfect in the second half, drilling 9 straight field goals and both of her free throws. Paige Anderson added 22 points.

"Paige had almost a perfect game," Mankenberg said. "She was fantastic. I thought the kids executed well."

The defending NCC champion Mankato State Mavericks came to Omaha Saturday, led by their only returning starter, center Lisa Walters. Walters hit for 26 points, five over her 21.4 average, but she was not enough. UNO, which lost twice to the "other" Mavericks last year, came away with a 70-64 win.

Scholten and Laura J. Anderson each popped for 26 points to offset Walters' efforts. Mankato St. stayed in the game by becoming the first team to out-rebound UNO during its winning streak. Mankato State took 21 offensive rebounds to 9 for UNO.

which resulted in a 45-38 edge overall.

"Mankato is a good ballclub with good quickness," Mankenberg said. "They had too many second shots. We'll play them better next time."

The Lady Mavs played Midland College Thursday night before traveling to Vermillion, S.D. for a conference clash with South Dakota Saturday.

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Basketball poll rates UNO No. 11

WOMEN'S DIV. II TOP 20

Mission, Kan.—The top 20 teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II women's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records and total point:

1. Cal Poly Pomona (8)	12-1	160
2. North Dakota St.	11-1	148
3. Missouri-Rolla	10-0	140
4. Delta St.	6-1	137
5. Mount St. Mary's	8-0	135
6. Bentley	9-0	119
7. Lake Superior St.	10-0	112
8. Pace	9-3	98
9. West Texas St.	9-2	94
10. Fla. International	12-2	90
11. UN-OMAHA	12-3	83
12. Bridgeport	10-0	65
13. tie, Cal-Riverside Hampton	9-2	59
15. Oakland, Mich.	7-1	59
16. SE Missouri St.	9-1	55
17. Pitt-Johnstown	9-3	31
18. Albany St., Ga.	7-0	29
19. Alaska-Anchorage	7-0	20
20. Wright St.	8-1	16
	9-2	10

In the first Division II women's basketball rankings this year UNO Lady Mavs earned the No. 11 slot.

This is the first time the Lady Mavs have appeared in the poll since being ranked No. 20 in the 1983-84 season. UNO finished that season unranked, with a 14-12 record.

"We expected to be ranked," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "We're pleased to be ranked as high as 11th. We're still going to be working very, very hard."

UNO's stock jumped with a 76-74 triumph over the Nebraska Cornhuskers in December. It was the second time this year that a Lady Mavs' team beat a rated Nebraska squad. The UNO volleyball team posted a five-set win over a Nebraska-Lincoln team that eventually finished second in Division I, after losing the title match to national champion Pacific University.

The Lady Mavs' next rated opponent will be North Central Conference foe North Dakota State. The Lady Bison are 12-1 and are rated No. 2 in the Division II rankings. UNO plays host to NDSU Jan. 24.

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Annex 26

Northridge trips UNO in Final Four rematch

Volleyball

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It must have felt like they lost twice when we got beat but they were our biggest and loudest fans. It was great."

There was no doubt who would win the match after the first set. UNO romped 15-4, 15-10, 15-3 to finish third in Division II for the second year in a row.

The Lady Mavs' list of accomplishments this year is a long one, and with Nuzum the only senior graduating, UNO is already looking forward to next year.

Among the 15 school records the Lady Mavs set was the longest win streak — 21 — and fewest losses in a season — 4 — and best team

winning percentage, 91.8 percent.

Nuzum, entered the season owning three team records and added six more. She broke Kathy Knudsen's year-old hitting percentage mark of .364 by connecting on a .376 percentage. She added 113 service aces for a career total of 327.

Her career records of 1,058 digs and 1,136 attacks are both new marks. Her 32 kill spikes against Northridge in the semifinal broke the old record of 25 in a match held by Kathy Knudsen and Renee Rezac set in 1984.

Nuzum also broke Knudsen's season kill-spike mark of 536 by totalling 564 this year.

"Records don't mean much," Nuzum said. "My mom and dad memorize them but I don't

keep track of them."

Nuzum did say that this year UNO made a major attitude breakthrough that will serve them well in the future. "Before, we thought we were lucky to be in the Final Four," Nuzum said. "This year we knew we deserved it. This team was the best volleyball team UNO has ever had. And knowing that is a good feeling."

While Nuzum is departing, a new record-breaker appeared on the scene for UNO. Ruth Evans, an Omaha Holy Name graduate, became the Lady Mavs' ace of the service ace this year. Earlier in the year she served notice that her jump serve was more than a novelty by drilling 10 against St. Mary's, to break Nuzum's match mark of nine.

Evans went on to break Nuzum's season standard for service aces by belting a total of 126, besting Nuzum's 1984 total by two.

Evans, who was dogged by injuries this year, hopes to be even better next year. "I feel like I haven't shown what I can do yet," Evans said.

A surprise bonus for the volleyballers will be the return of all-conference setter Darla Melcher. Melcher was thought to have exhausted her eligibility this year but she has one semester remaining if she attends school part-

time until next fall.

"Having Darla return is major," Evans said. "We know how good she can make all of us."

With Melcher returning there appears to be only one spot available on the Lady Mavs next year, but 1984 all-conference setter Angie Oswald might call it a career. "Darla's returning is a little bit hard on Angie Oswald," Kruger said. "I haven't talked to her yet but we don't want her to leave."

Kruger said that despite missing their season goal of a national title the Lady Mavs had a great year. "It was definitely a successful year. We beat Nebraska; we played well most of the year; we had two All Americans in Ruth Evans and Allie Nuzum, and an Academic All American in Lori Schutte. Hey, a record of 45-4 is something to be proud of."

Kruger says that UNO will return to battle for the title again next year. "Lori Schutte looks to be unstoppable. We return a lot of players. I think we've got the potential to give it a run. We're going to try."

Evans was even more confident. "This year was one of those things that wasn't meant to be. Definitely there is no way we shouldn't be back next year. Next year we'll be there."

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